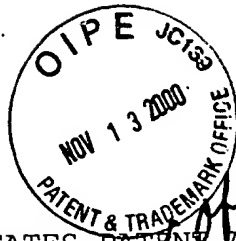


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SEIICHI KASHIWABA, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/236,339

Filed: January 25, 1999

For: OPTICAL-ELEMENT
HOLDING MECHANISM,
IMAGE-SHAKE
CORRECTING DEVICE AND
OPTICAL APPARATUS

Examiner: T. Nguyen

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2000, from June 3, 2000 to September 3, 2000. A check in the amount of \$870.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.